

## MEMORANDUM

Subject: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Trainers Program

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To: Municipal Stormwater Managers  
State and EPA Stormwater Coordinators  
Other Interested Parties

Over the last several years, EPA has been working to provide guidance, training, and technical assistance to Phase I and II communities to help them design and build effective local stormwater management programs. One significant part of this effort has focused on the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) minimum measure. Last year, the Center for Watershed Protection and the University of Alabama, working under an EPA grant, produced the excellent IDDE Guidance Manual ([www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater)).

EPA and the Center have continued to work together to distribute the manual and to train municipal stormwater managers. With a universe of over 6000 communities, reaching everyone is a major challenge.

In order to more effectively reach out to municipalities, we decided to implement a “train-the-trainer” effort for IDDE. Last fall, as you may recall, we advertised a two-day workshop with the goal of training 25-30 people from around the country, who would then be available to help train and work with municipalities. Twenty-eight people completed the workshop which was held in Landsdowne, VA on November 17-18, 2005.

The participants came from all parts of the country and represented a wide variety of backgrounds and professional positions. These trainers are equipped to provide training on all aspects of the setting up an municipal IDDE program, including program assessment and planning, potential costs, ordinances, and field and lab protocols. Each has indicated the geographic area that they are most comfortable working in. A detailed list is attached and can also be found at [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/iddetrainers](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/iddetrainers). The objective of this effort is to

help municipalities obtain IDDE training and assistance. EPA is not endorsing any company or organization and cannot provide funding. We encourage municipalities to make their own arrangements with the IDDE trainers on this list.

If you need more information about how this program works, please visit [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/iddetrainers](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/iddetrainers) or contact Nikos Singelis ([singelis.nikos@epa.gov](mailto:singelis.nikos@epa.gov), 202-564-0692) or Ted Brown, at the Center for Watershed Protection ([cwb@cwpl.org](mailto:cwb@cwpl.org), 410-461-8323).

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